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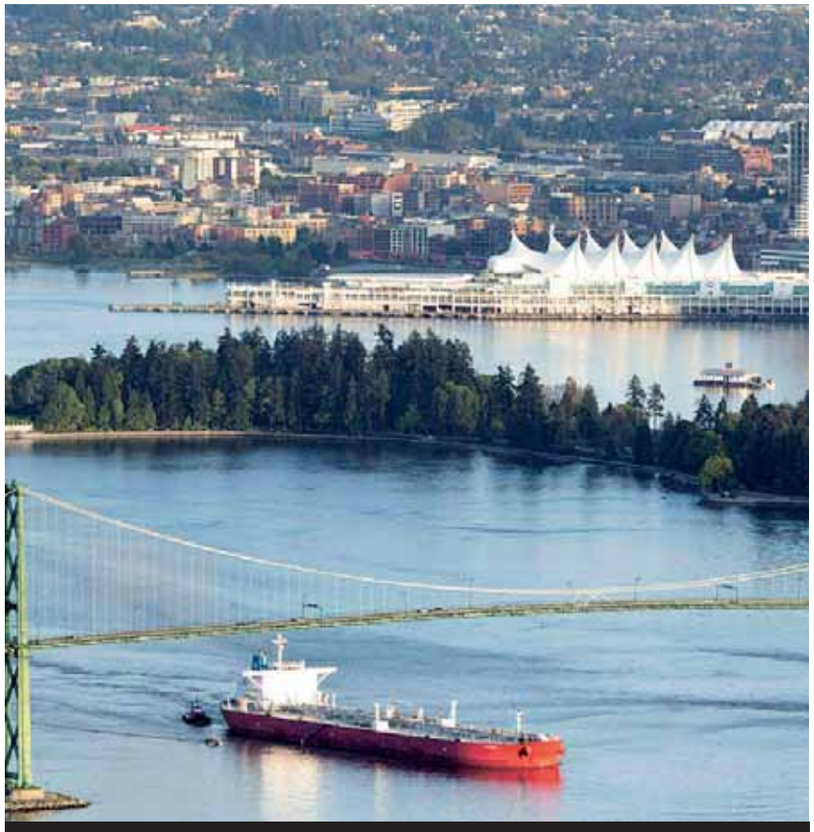

An oil tanker is guided by tug boats as it goes under the Lions Gate Bridge at the mouth of Vancouver Harbour in 2012. Mayor Gregor Robertson wants Vancouver to secure intervenor status at the National Energy Board hearings into the Kinder Morgan pipeline proposal so it can lay out its objections to the project. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kinder Morgan pipeline has city fearing the worst

Motion. Mayor wants Vancouver to have a seat at the table at NEB hearings so it can voice its concerns

Tanker traffic from a bigger pipeline presents an "unacceptable risk" to Vancouver even though the proposed infrastructure is 10 kilometres outside of city limits, Mayor Gregor Robertson said Tuesday.

Kinder Morgan's proposal to twin its Trans Mountain pipeline to carry diluted bitumen from Alberta to Burnaby — a plan that would boost the number of tankers in the Burrard Inlet to 34 per month from five — could be "devastating" for the city if the oil spills, Robertson said.

The mayor put forward a motion for Vancouver to apply to be an intervenor during the National Energy Board hearings on the expansion proposal, expected to be filed this month.

Vancouver wants to voice its opinion that a spill could tarnish its reputation as a livable city, damage its tourism industry, and ruin its beaches and parks.

The city also generally condemns the increase in fossil fuels extracted and combusted should the project go ahead, and sees this as a direct risk to Vancouver in terms of extreme weather events associated with climate change.

Admittedly, Vancouver has no power to stop tankers from passing through these waters, deputy city manager Sadhu Johnston said.

Kinder Morgan has been open to hearing the city's concerns, Johnston said, but dialogue with the company hasn't been enough to alleviate its worries.

Based on a literature review conducted by UBC, the city believes the oil-spill response capacity is insufficient, uncoordinated and underfunded.

"There are huge gaps that need to be addressed," Johnston said.

For instance, the Western Canada Marine Response Corp., an industry-funded company responsible for cleanup along 27,000 kilometres of B.C.'s shoreline, only has the capacity to deal with a 20,000-tonne spill. Most ships have capacity for 82,000 tonnes.

That size of spill is highly unlikely due to double-hulled ships and the port's safety track record, but worst-case-scenario planning looks especially grim.

The Trans Mountain pipeline media team did not return a request for comment Wednesday. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

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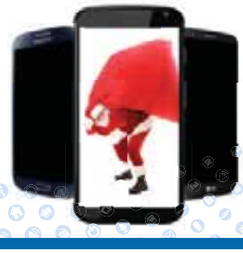

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The Cannabus, used for a campaign to decriminalize marijuana in B.C.
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For sale: One spliffy, 1962 converted 35-foot Greyhound coach used for Sensible B.C.'s marijuana-decriminalization campaign.

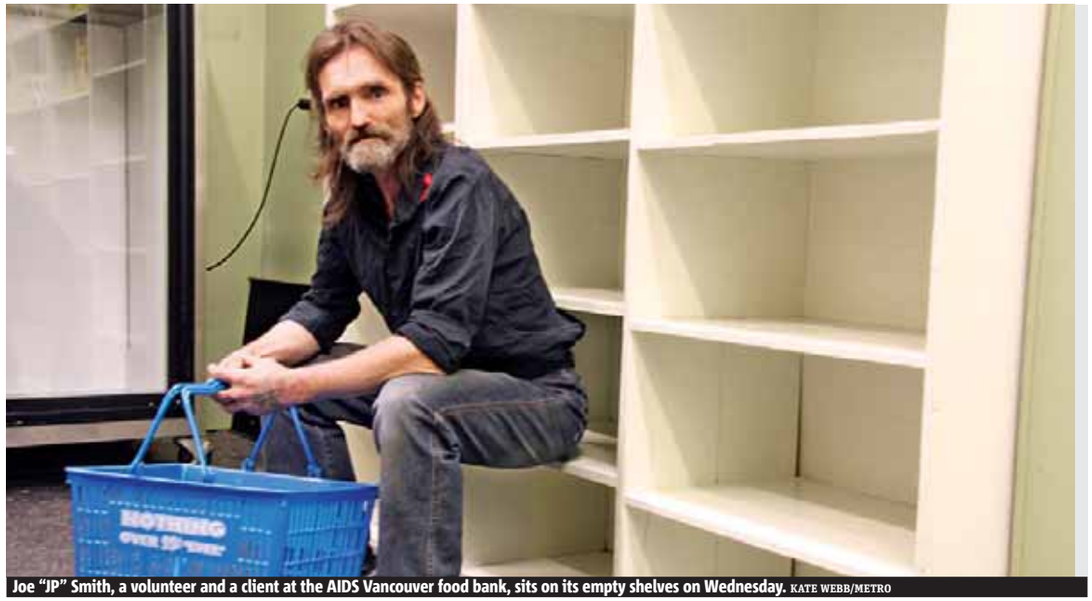
The "unique and notorious travelling motorhome coach" is for sale on eBay for $26,634.99 after a three-month stint traversing the province in a bid to collect enough signatures to force a referendum on marijuana decriminalization.

The Cannabus, as it's called, will be available after campaign organizers use it to deliver the signatures to the B.C. Legislature in Victoria on Dec. 9. (At this point, it's unlikely the campaign will get the required amount of signatures.)

The four-speed, reliable, diesel-engine ride is covered in decals and signatures from the campaign, the seller notes, adding the new owner should keep it as memorabilia.

But there are some cons to the vintage coach, with its tired engine and minor body damage.

The coach no longer has a fridge, as the old one leaked ammonia gas during the campaign, but it does have a stand-up shower, air conditioning, solar panels, propane heaters, water and septic tanks. It also boasts air bags, air brakes and no rust. EMILY JACKSON/METRO


Joe "JP" Smith, a volunteer and a client at the AIDS Vancouver food bank, sits on its empty shelves on Wednesday. KATE WEBB/METRO

Food bank struggling to keep shelves stocked

AIDS Vancouver.
Program co-ordinator is trying to drum up donations for annual holiday event

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The small "grocery store" in the downtown offices of AIDS Vancouver only ever has enough food to open for four to six days a month in the best of times, but despite the impending Christmas holidays, many of its shelves are currently bare.

Program co-ordinator Heidi Morgan, whose father passed away in 2007 after battling AIDS, said each day it's open it serves 600 or more registered members.

But too often, she said, they run out of milk, protein items and fresh produce, and those at the end of the line leave with only a meagre selection of non-perishables.

"It would be maybe a box of cereal, a couple tins of beans or soup, a hygiene item and maybe a beverage like a Gatorade or something," she said.

"One thing that's really profound to me is the sense of lack, the sense of being non-deserving of proper nutrition in the first place. When we run out of something, it confirms what they're already thinking in their mind."

Morgan is trying to drum up donations for the food bank's annual holiday event on Dec. 17, which provides Christmas treats such as canned ham and coffee to more than 800 people and their families.

She said people living with HIV often struggle with nutrition, which is especially important for them, because of low-income and their higher caloric needs.

Items the store lacks most include peanut butter, canned tuna and salmon, real cheese, milk, pasta, pasta sauce, one-litre juices, cereal and produce, she added.

Joe "JP" Smith, who has been both a volunteer and a client at the store for the past three years since his diagnosis, lives on disability and said the grocery store has been a lifesaver.

"I'm very grateful for the government and the people of Canada paying with their tax money for me," he said. "But for food, it isn't enough to live on with this life-threatening disease, because you have to eat a certain regimen."

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B.C. Supreme Court. Judge grants fertility clinic order to destroy sperm

More than 1,200 people — including hundreds of men who are part of a class-action lawsuit against the University of British Columbia — who have sperm and embryo samples stored at a B.C. fertility clinic may see those specimens destroyed in a few weeks' time.

A B.C. Supreme Court judge has given a clinic at the BC Women's Centre for Reproductive Health permission to destroy and dispose of the specimens if clients don't let the clinic know by Dec. 24 that they want the samples transferred to another facility.

The clinic, run by the Children's and Women's Health Centre of British Columbia, has been storing sperm specimens for more than 400 class-action members since 2010, when those samples were transferred from a lab run by UBC.

The group, led by lead plaintiff Howard Lam, is suing the university after a power failure in 2002 destroyed hundreds of sperm samples.

But the fertility clinic also stores sperm and embryo samples for about 850 other people. It applied in October for a B.C. Supreme Court order to dispose of all specimens.

The clinic stopped operating last year, none of its clients are paying for storage and it doesn't have the money to keep storing the specimens, court documents posted online this week say.

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Houston, B.C. Trapper shares breakfast with rescuers who saved him

A hearty trapper who was thrown from his boat on a lake near Houston, B.C., managed to swim to shore in frigid temperatures and even shared breakfast with his rescuers.

When RCMP received a 911 call from a satellite messenger GPS unit, they headed off to Morice Lake with a search-and-rescue team, staff from the Fisheries Department and local residents who know the remote area.

Staff Sgt. Stephen Rose said the 11 rescuers first had to deal with unplowed roads as they raced to launch their boat and then faced battering winds and overnight temperatures of -20 C to reach the outdoorsman who'd activated his beacon.

Rose credited the rescuers, including two of the trapper's friends, for risking their own lives in the rescue effort, which started at 3:45 p.m. Monday and ended at 2:15 a.m. on Tuesday.

The 62-year-old man encountered rough weather after he put out a trap line, the officer said.

"It's a fairly dangerous lake," Rose said. "The winds got pretty strong and threw him out of his boat, which then capsized."

When the man arrived on shore, he activated his emergency beacon and started a fire as he waited for help.

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Roshan Arora, manager of the Beladean Trailer Park in Surrey, speaks to Metro in his office at the Punjab Cloth Warehouse in Surrey on Friday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Deal reached to move woman out of trailer park

Not quite sealed. The 88-year-old may be forced to pay moving costs she can't afford

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An 88-year-old woman who has been living in a trailer park without power for two and a half months could be relocated to a new manufactured home in a different park by Christmas — but it's not a done deal yet.

The owners of the Beladean Trailer Park at 8205 King George Blvd. put an offer in for Lillian Bailey that was accepted on Wednesday, after they were pressured for weeks by local MLA Sue Hammell and the park's eviction manager.

Bailey and five other remaining residents have been struggling to stay warm using generators ever since an improperly supervised motel demolition knocked the power out on Sept. 14.

"Don't break out the champagne yet, because there's a lot of stuff to do yet," said Royal LePage realtor Ray Werger on Wednesday.

First, he said, Bailey will need to be approved as a tenant by the new manufactured home park. Then the home will need to pass a building inspection, get re-carpeted, and there is sure to be some legal wrangling over the terms of her settlement.

Hammell said she expects Bailey's moving costs to be more than $2,000, and on top of that the title transfer, building inspection and carpets could cost an additional $1,000 to $2,000.

The manager of the Beladean, Roshan Arora, whose brother, Suvash Chander, owns it, said Wednesday he would not commit to paying for Bailey's moving expenses, nor for the building inspection (a condition of the sale).

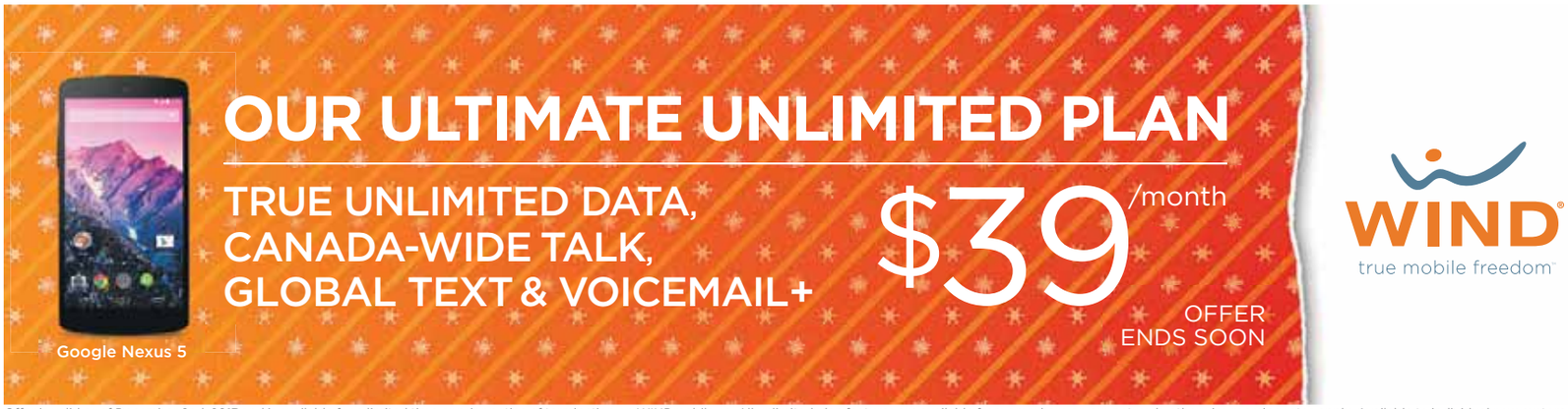
Bailey, who is on a pension and cannot afford those expenses on her own, could not be reached for comment on Wednesday since her phone line was cut months ago and has not been fixed.

"I don't know who is going to (pay for the building inspection), but there will be some arrangement that it will be done," Arora said during a phone interview on Wednesday, adding he will decide after the deal is done whether to cover her moving costs.

Owners

Arora and Chander own and run a multimillion-dollar business, the Punjab Cloth Warehouse, in Surrey.

- They are facing legal action from the City of Surrey over their handling of the motel demolition and the prolonged power outage that resulted.



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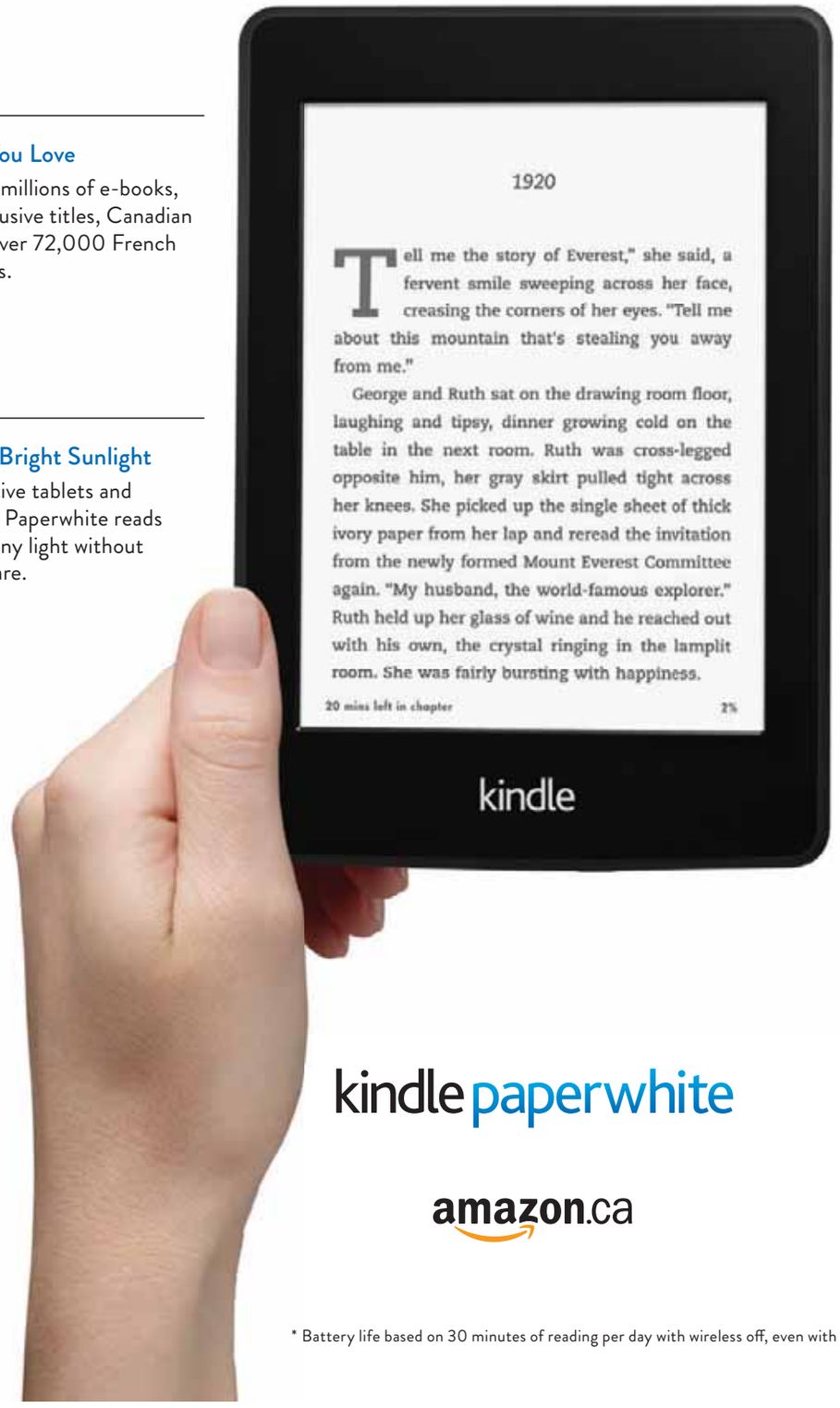
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Tell me the story of Everest," she said, a fervent smile sweeping across her face, creasing the corners of her eyes. "Tell me about this mountain that's stealing you away from me."
George and Ruth sat on the drawing room floor, laughing and tipsy, dinner growing cold on the table in the next room. Ruth was cross-legged opposite him, her gray skirt pulled tight across her knees. She picked up the single sheet of thick ivory paper from her lap and reread the invitation from the newly formed Mount Everest Committee again. "My husband, the world-famous explorer." Ruth held up her glass of wine and he reached out with his own, the crystal ringing in the lamplit room. She was fairly bursting with happiness.
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'This reform is needed.' Provincial NDP push to abolish Canadian Senate

British Columbia's lame-duck Opposition leader has seen enough of the Canadian Senate.

Adrian Dix announced Wednesday that he plans to follow in his federal NDP counterpart's footsteps and call for the abolishment of the scandal-plagued senate in Ottawa by introducing a motion in the Legislature when it reconvenes in February. "B.C. should join Saskatchewan and Manitoba to call for the abolishment of the Sentate of Canada," Dix said at a press conference in Vancouver. "This reform is needed."

Dix said the unelected Senate has long "under-represented" British Columbia, with only five senators coming from the West Coast province.

That's always contributed to resentment in the province towards the senate.

But now that several senators, the Prime Minister's Office and RCMP are putting daily attention on the institution, Dix said any democratic value it had has been undermined.

"This is the worst of the Senate we've seen," said Dix, who intends to step down as leader after his party chooses a replacement following this year's devastating election loss. "There's growing support for the abolishment in this country." MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

'Harem'

B.C. court doubled prison term to 10 years for father convicted of incest

British Columbia's highest court has doubled a prison term to 10 years for an elderly father who sexually abused his daughters, sexually touched his granddaughter and once described his family as his "harem."

The man named only as K.V.E in the ruling was sentenced June 5 to a five-year term for three counts of incest on his daughters and two years for sexual touching his grandaughter, all of which was to be served concurrently. But the Crown appealed the sentence, arguing it wasn't proportionate to the gravity of the offences.

All three B.C. Court of Appeal judges hearing the case agreed with the Crown recommendation to increase the prison term to 10 years.

In a ruling issued today, Justice Sunni Stromberg-Stein says the sentencing judge gave insufficient weight to the principles of deterrence and denunciation, and the original sentence was disproportionate to the gravity of the offences.

Stromberg-Stein says a more appropriate sentence is five years for each count of incest, two years for sexual touching, all to be served consecutively. THE CANADIAN PRESS

An abandoned couch and TV sit in East Vancouver on Wednesday. JEFF HODSON/METRO

City trash talks coffee cups, papers

'Recycle us.' Packaging, printed paper waste, from fast-food cups and plates, makes up 85 per cent of street litter: City

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Coffee cups from companies that shall not be named and free daily newspapers drew the ire of city council Tuesday as it grappled with making Vancouver's streets cleaner.

"I do think more could be done to publicly shame the originators of this waste," Coun. Andrea Reimer said after staff presented a strategy to decrease litter.

Packaging and printed paper waste, the majority from fast-food cups and plates, makes up 85 per cent of litter on the streets, according to the city. For their part, newspapers pay for (unbranded) recycling receptacles at city transit stops. And many coffee shops clean out the trash receptacles in front of their locations, Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association president Charles Gauthier told council.

While Gauthier supports the city's strategy, he is particularly peeved about the high level of trash around bus stops. At three of 10 stops his organization audited downtown, there wasn't a bin within 15 metres — that needs to change, he said. Fast-food garbage is "a huge problem" that contributes to overflowing bins, he said, adding the city should approach individual businesses to see if they will help. (He also wants newspapers to run "recycle us" public-service ads.)

But strategies to chastise the producers, not the consumers who don't properly dispose of the products, will have to wait until Vancouver hammers out details of a partnership with Multi Material B.C. (MMBC) next year. MMBC will be responsible for such waste and handle it with a "producer pays" model across the province.

In the meantime, the city is focusing on increasing the number of receptacles around bus stops, micro-cleaning dirty areas, hosting a "big item recycling day" and ramping up its public communications about keeping Vancouver "spectacular," said Albert Shamess, the city's director of waste management.

It can do this within its $7.8-million annual budget, since the department decided not to buy $1 million worth of solar-powered garbage cans in 2013.

Illegal dumping and gum removal are two other problem areas the city plans to deal with, Shamess said.

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Police think Ford offered to buy video for $5K and a car

Rob Ford saga. City council took away most of his powers, but he says he'll run in the next election

Police believe they overheard people on wiretaps during a gang investigation saying Toronto Mayor Rob Ford offered $5,000 and a car in exchange for a video, according to a newly released police document.

The document contains police evidence from wiretaps on which alleged gang members and men arrested in a sweeping guns and drugs investigation talk with familiarity about the mayor and suggest they had supplied him with drugs.

Toronto police were in the midst of that large investigation, known as Project Traveller, when the mayor's name surfaced on the intercepts in March and April, police allege.

The document, containing allegations not proven in court, suggests some of the Project Traveller targets also talked about using images of Ford using drugs to blackmail him. They were also heard saying they "love and respect Rob Ford," but have evidence of him in a lot of messed up situations and don't want to say anything, the document says.

One man says on the wiretaps that he has many pictures of Ford "doing the hezza," and another man suggests those pictures would be worth a lot, says the document. Hezza can be used as a slang term for heroin.

The mayor's name allegedly emerged on the wiretaps about two months before the Toronto Star and U.S. website Gawker first reported that alleged drug dealers were shopping around a video that appeared to show Ford smoking crack cocaine.

Information that police gathered from those wiretaps was in the remaining portions of a document filed in the drug case of Ford's friend Alexander Lisi.

The last portions to be made public summarize an intercepted conversation police allege they heard on March 27. Investigators heard two men talking about plans to sell a tape and quoting Ford as saying "I'll give you 5,000 and a car," police allege in the document.

Mohamed Siad, who police believe was trying to sell the so-called crack video, said during the conversation that he would meet with him and ask for "150," which police believed meant $150,000, the document says.

The other man warned Siad that wouldn't be wise, as he would be putting himself in jeopardy, the document says. Siad, like most of the men monitored, was arrested as part of Project Traveller, and was later stabbed in jail. Police do not connect the stabbing to the video in the document.

Ford's lawyer, Dennis Morris, told television station CP24 the latest allegations are baseless. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford wipes his brow in the council chamber at city hall as councillors

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pass motions to limit his powers on Nov. 18. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crack video

A motive for man's murder, police told

Court documents unsealed Wednesday point to two rumoured motives for the murder of alleged gang member Anthony Smith: A retaliation over a robbery or, as Rob Ford's staff told police, the infamous crack cocaine video.

Sections of the new document detail how Ford's former chief of staff Mark Towhey and former "logistics director" David Price spoke with the police about how an anonymous tipster gave Price information about the video and Smith.

According to the documents, Price told Towhey, Doug Ford and later the police about two anonymous calls he received on May 17 (the day after the crack video reports broke), offering him information on "the drug dealers who had (the) tape."

As a result, Price told Towhey, and later the police, the video was the motive for Smith's murder, the document states.

However, the police had a different theory about the murder, via the wiretaps being run in the Project Traveller gang investigation.

At the Loki Lounge on March 28, just before he was shot, Smith texted Liban Siyad to say he saw Saaid Mohiadin at the club and planned to assault him, the document says.

Siyad replied, "Okay halal meat," which police believe means "dead meat" or "kill him." In minutes, an altercation ensued, and Smith and Mohamed Khattak were shot. Smith died in hospital.

"The motive for the murder was also detailed during interceptions, and revealed the murder may have been retaliation for Smith and his associates robbing Mohiadin aka 'Post' last November," police wrote.

In the document, police noted that the motive for murder Price gave them is "believed to be incorrect" based on the robbery motive they heard on the wiretaps.

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Inquest. Woman who starved boy to death says she was his only hope

A woman who so severely neglected and starved her grandson that he wasted away and died portrayed herself in testimony Wednesday at a coroner's inquest in Toronto as the boy's only hope, lest he be shipped off to foster care.

Jeffrey Baldwin died in 2002 at age five, having withered away to the weight of a baby and being unable to lift his own head. His grandmother, Elva Bottineau, kept the boy and one of his sisters in a cold, fetid room, where they slept among their own waste, the inquest has heard.

The children's parents were barely out of childhood themselves when they had four kids in quick succession, and nearly as swiftly the kids were taken away by children's aid and handed over to the grandparents.

Both Bottineau and her partner, Norman Kidman, who are now serving life sentences for Jeffrey's second-degree murder, had previous convictions for child abuse when they were granted custody of Jeffrey and three siblings — something the Catholic Children's Aid Society only discovered in its files after the boy's death.

Jeffrey Baldwin
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Bottineau was having a hard time with Jeffrey, she said, describing him as having a "slow learning ability."

Bottineau spent much of her testimony disparaging her daughter's parenting skills. She didn't want the kids to go into foster care, she said, so she had to look after them.

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Engineer says he went into a 'daze'

A Metro-North Railroad commuter train pulls into the Spuyten-Duyvil station in the Bronx. The station reopened Wednesday, three days after a nearby derailment killed four people. The engineer of the speeding commuter train that ran off the rails along a curve experienced a hypnotic-like "daze" and nodded at the controls before he suddenly realized something was wrong and hit the brakes, a lawyer said. JIM FITZGERALD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Towering over his fellow protest leaders, boxing champion and presidential hopeful Vitali Klitschko attends a rally in front of the parliament building in Kyiv, Ukraine, in April. SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boxing champ joins protests in Ukraine

Vying for the title of president. WBC heavyweight champ Vitali Klitschko emerges as Ukraine's most popular opposition figure

Thanks to his sports-hero status and reputation as a pro-Western politician untainted by Ukraine's frequent corruption scandals, six-foot-seven Vitali Klitschko has surpassed jailed former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko in opinion polls.

As massive anti-government protests continue to grip Ukraine, the 42-year-old boxer-turned-politician is urging his countrymen to continue their fight to turn this ex-Soviet republic into a genuine Western democracy.

"This is not a revolution. It is a peaceful protest that demands justice," Klitschko told The Associated Press in an interview Wednesday. "The people are not defending political interests. They are defending the idea of living in a civilized country."

Dubbed Dr. Ironfist for his prowess in the boxing ring, Klitschko has scored 45 victories in 47 fights. He has successfully defended his title 11 times, most recently in September 2012, and plans to have one more bout before he retires.

Now Klitschko must prove that he has as much stamina in the political arena.

Despite earning a doctorate in sports science, Klitschko has had to fight a stereotype of being intellectually unfit to run this economically troubled nation of 46 million.

Still, he appeals to many Ukrainians with his image as a handsome tough guy ready to defend his compatriots.

The angry protests were sparked by the president's abrupt decision last month to ditch a political and economic treaty with the 28-nation European Union in favour of closer economic ties with Russia, which had threatened Ukraine with trade consequences if the country signed the EU deal.

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Fighting words

"They stole our hope."

Vitali Klitschko, politician and boxer, speaking about the political climate in Ukraine.

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‘IT’S AN INSULT’: SEALERS

Made in Newfoundland.
Sealers defend hunt in wake of WTO decision to uphold EU trade ban

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Seal hunters drag a dead seal to their boat in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence in this 2008 photo. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES FILE

“Here you are trying to manoeuvre through the ice — you got to watch those big ice pans — and a big swell in the water ... the boat was moving back and forth ... you got to watch how you’re getting through because they can throw together and put a hole right on through the boat, really — it has happened — and then you’re trying to get a shot at the seal at the same time and with this buzzing over you.”

Keith Bath, 67, first encountered “this buzzing” of an animal-rights helicopter during last year’s seal hunt off the coast of St. Anthony, N.L.

Bath, who now lives in La Scie, N.L., has been sealing for 50 years.

Last year’s catch “amounted to close to $300,000,” Bath estimates. Each of his seven crew members receive nine per cent of the cut. Fuel, his biggest cost, runs around $20,000. After expenses, the seal hunt represented 40 per cent of his annual income for 2013, he says.

His boat landed some 7,600 seals in two weeks, the majority of which were beater seals, roughly 25 days old. Hunting younger seals, or whitecoats, has been banned since 1987.

In the vast majority of those 7,600 deaths, Bath says he used a .222-, .223-, .22250- or .243-calibre rifle with a scope. Bullets cost just over a dollar each, he says.

“Not many seals are killed with a hakapik (club) from a longliner (65-footer),” he says of his vessel, which tows a speedboat used by the rest of his crew to collect the seals from the ice. “Good sealers like we are — you know, most everyone — try to make sure that they got a good shot and a head shot ... and if we sees that it’s crippled, we just gives it another bullet.”

Bath is one of 4,000 fishermen in Newfoundland and Labrador certified by the Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board, which trains sealers in the humane killing of the animals, the regulatory process and proper handling procedures.

That certification, coupled with monitoring by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, ensures a humane hunt, according to Frank Pinhorn, executive director of the Canadian Sealers Association.

Pinhorn balked at the World Trade Organization’s recent decision to uphold the European Union ban on Canadian seal products based on the necessity “to protect public morals.”

Keith Bath

“The decision, based on ethics and morality, is an insult to all our sealers,” Pinhorn says, adding the reason sealers are targeted by animal-rights groups is “because it’s an easy thing to do. They just lucked into the imagery of red, intense blood on pure, white ice.

“They’ll lie, they’ll cheat, they’ll use deceit — because the people making these decisions (at WTO and EU) know absolutely nothing about what it means to live in Mary’s Harbour, or St. Anthony, or Twillingate, and earn a living from the ocean.”

Beyond that, the regulations are heavily enforced, he says. All boats are subject to inspection. Bath says in 2012 one such DFO officer observed his practices.

“I try everything in the world to make sure that it’s done as clean as we can do it,” Bath says.

“You can make a mistake, anyone can make a mistake. But 90 per cent, I’d say, of (those who) goes out there try to do it as good as they can, have as clean a go as possible.”

Protecting ‘public morals’

WTO ruling a finding of fact

The World Trade Organization decision last week to uphold the European ban on Canadian seal products as “necessary to protect public morals” marked a breakthrough in animal-welfare cases, according to a professor of international law.

Robert Howse, who teaches at New York University, says this is because the WTO panel based its decision on factual findings versus legal findings. They differ in one key respect: A legal finding can be appealed to the appellate body — a factual finding cannot.

“What Canada did claim was that concern about the seal hunt was, on the facts, not a matter of public morality, but the emotional, eccentric opinions of one section of the European public,” Howse said.

“(But) the EU presented evidence that is compelling: That you can’t have a humane seal hunt in Canada, and the reason you can’t is that the conditions under which the hunt occurs are such that it’s really not possible to ensure and monitor that humane hunting techniques are being used.

“In other situations of animal welfare (such as slaughterhouses), it would usually be possible to address moral concerns without a ban, by merely requiring that standards of humane treatment be monitored and enforced.”

The WTO also ruled, however, the ban does not apply to Inuit or indigenous communities, “because an advantage granted by the European Union to seal products originating in Greenland (specifically, its Inuit population) is not accorded immediately and unconditionally to the like products originating in Canada.”

The Canadian government said it would appeal the ban. “Of course the Canadian government is going to appeal,” says Howse, “but the fact is that they’re not going to win anything of value.”

Quoted

“It’s the perfect bourgeois cause, because for the people who (oppose it), in Europe or downtown Toronto, it doesn’t affect their own lives at all, not even in the slightest. If they were to get excited about global warming or something, they might have to question how they impact on the environment. But they don’t have to do that with the seal hunt; they can blame it all on those nasty Newfoundlanders ... And it has great visuals.”

Lars Osberg, professor of economics at Dalhousie University,
on how the EU seal ban will affect a small part of the population significantly while hardly putting a dent in the region’s economy

EU ban a win for animal rights groups

A harp seal.
JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Sheryl Fink has observed the seal hunt for 11 years, both in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and off the eastern coast of Newfoundland, known as the Front.

She says she went to observe "the cruelty, the inhumane killings."

"It's allowable to hook a seal in the face," said Fink, seal campaign director for the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW). "An animal is allowed to be hooked in the face by the gaffe and dragged to the boat."

The decision last week by the panel of the World Trade Organization was a victory for IFAW and other animal-rights groups.

The 27-member state European Union is now part of 34 countries that ban Canadian seal products, including the U.S. (1972), Russia (2011) and most recently Taiwan (2013).

IFAW and other non-governmental organizations like the International Humane Society submitted an Amicus Brief with their own research and findings referred to by the European Commission in its defence of the seal ban. IFAW was also consulted by the EU as a stakeholder alongside the sealing industry to develop and implement the regulations of the EU ban on seal products, which came into force Aug. 20, 2010.

"This is significant in that it's just another international body that's looked at the seal hunt ... and they said seal bans are OK," Fink said of the WTO's ruling, adding it's another indication the world does not want seal products.

Sheryl Fink CONTRIBUTED

Haven't organizations like the IFAW created a negative view of seal products?

"It's very easy to blame the NGOs and say that we've brainwashed everyone — and I only wish we were that powerful, that we've brainwashed the WTO, and the Russian Federation, and Taiwan. I kind of wish that were true," she said, laughing.

"I think the reality is people just don't want seal products; this just isn't a product that is wanted or needed in the 21st century, just like we don't do commercial whaling anymore. I think the time has come where commercial sealing is going to be disappearing."

Check online

Read more about the seal hunt at metronews.ca

In numbers

2.8M

According to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, roughly 89,000 seals were landed in Newfoundland and Labrador alone for a total value of $2.8 million.

$590M

The provincial fishery's total catch was nearly $590 million, according to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

$1.8M

The International Fund for Animal Welfare spent $1.8 million on its seal campaign in 2012. The IFAW raised $2.4 million total that year, but noted it does non-restrictive fundraising, which means donors gave the money to the IFAW and the organization allocated the funds specifically toward the seal campaign.

1800s

The commercial seal hunt's main purpose is to extract oil, large quantities of which are shipped to Britain for fuel for lamps, as a lubricant, as cooking oil, in processing leather and jute, and as a constituent in soap.

1914

The crew of the hunting vessel Newfoundland is caught on the ice for two days in a snowstorm. Seventy-eight men freeze to death on the ice, while 55 survivors lose limbs.

1980s

In 1983, the European Economic Community bans the importation of whitecoats (unweaned harps) and bluebacks (young hooded). In 1987, the federal government prohibits the commercial harvest of whitecoats and bluebacks, and hunting from large vessels.

2009 - Present

In 2009, the European Union bans the import of Canadian seal products. In 2011, the Russian Federation bans the import of seal products. In 2013, Taiwan follows suit.

SOURCE: DFO

Regulating the hunt

Department of Fisheries and Oceans says officers are looking most closely at the '3-step process' recommended by the Independent Veterinarians Working Group (IVWG).

- The amendment involves: a) striking (with approved firearm or hakapik), b) checking (that both halves of the cranium are crushed), and c) bleeding (before waiting a minute to skin the animal).
- DFO says the seal hunt can be properly regulated because the seals — and therefore the sealers — are often concentrated in the same areas: in the Gulf around the Magdelan Islands and in the Front east of the northern peninsula.
- DFO monitoring is done by fixed-wing aircraft, helicopter, boat and deployment of officers to each sealing vessel.

DEBATE

Like issues of economic viability and morality, the science around the Canadian seal hunt is divided. Metro interviewed experts in veterinary medicine and animal welfare about the key issue surrounding the hunt: Are seals killed in a humane manner? Both testified at the WTO hearings:

DAOUST

Dr. Pierre-Yves Daoust is a professor of Anatomic Pathology and Wildlife Pathology at the University of Prince Edward Island.

"From an animal welfare perspective, these animals (should) be killed as quickly as possible — realizing that it is a hunt and therefore it's not necessarily successful 100 per cent of the time, just like the slaughtering of domestic animals in slaughterhouses is not effective 100 per cent of the time," said Daoust. "We insisted at the WTO hearing we go back to the EFSA (European Food Safety Authority) report and see what they said, and there is no evidence there that the seal hunt is any worse than other forms of the exploitation of animals. The problem is because of the nature of the hunt — because of the nature of any hunt — it's very difficult to have robust, statistically valid observation of the whole hunt, which takes into account the weather, the types of boats, the education of individual sealers and coming up with a figure that says, X per cent of the animals are not killed properly."

BROOM

Dr. Donald Broom is a professor of Animal Welfare at the Department of Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University, whose research includes assessing animal welfare, including pain. "I have seen that some statements by animal protection societies over-emphasize the negative aspects of sealing and some statements by sealers over-emphasize the quality of their methods," said Broom. "Seals are complex animals with a pain system similar to ours, so an injury for some minutes or hours is a major welfare problem in seals. Almost all farm animals in slaughterhouses are handled without fear being caused to them. The stunning procedure in a slaughterhouse usually causes no pain and the animal dies without recovering consciousness. It is rare for the electrical procedure or captive-bolt gun application not to work, but if it does, a second stun occurs within a few seconds. I think that it is correct that many seals shot with a rifle die without suffering. However, the number that are not killed, or rendered unconscious with the initial shot or shots, and hence which do suffer, is high."

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Jon Stewart, right, presents Egyptian satirist Bassem Youssef an award at the Committee to Protect Journalists' International Freedom Awards on Nov. 26 in New York City. COURTESY COMMITTEE TO PROTECT JOURNALISTS/MICHAEL NAGLE-GETTY IMAGES

Axed TV satirist says Egypt's regime doesn't look nice

The Program. Bassem Youssef, often compared to Jon Stewart, says he believes military wasn't behind cancellation, but still calls it 'worrying'

Popular Egyptian satirist Bassem Youssef said Wednesday that he'll take the military at their word that they were not behind the decision to take his weekly TV program off the air, but he said it still doesn't make them look "very nice."

Youssef, often compared to Jon Stewart, spoke in a TV interview, his first televised appearance in Egypt since October. The private Egyptian station CBC suspended his show after the season's first episode, which was highly critical of the military and the nationalist fervour gripping the nation.

Youssef, whose show called The Program mirrored Stewart's The Daily Show, said he truly believes the military-backed government's denials, but added that "at the end of the day, the regime doesn't look very nice."

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Looters, robbers run riot as police strike for more pay

Cordoba, Argentina. Hospital authorities reported one shooting death and more than 100 injuries, mostly from shattered glass

A man is detained by police amid spent shell casings outside a supermarket that was being looted in Cordoba, Argentina, Wednesday. MARIO SAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A wave of looting and robberies spread across Argentina's second largest city Tuesday night and continued Wednesday.

Opportunists took advantage of a police strike for higher pay which the provincial governor says was triggered by his closure of brothels that provided a money stream to corrupt officers.

The violence in Cordoba began with storefronts being shattered, mobs stealing merchandise, robbers attacking people in the streets and vigilantes arming themselves to protect their homes. Supermarkets and a mobile television van recording the violence were attacked, even as officers and provincial authorities began negotiations to end the strike.

Gov. Jose Manuel de la Sota said 56 people have been arrested.

He said he's offered police a 52-per cent pay increase, including bonuses for street work or extra duty, for a total of 12,600 pesos a month, which he called "the best salary for police in Argentina," according to Cordoba's Voz del Interior newspaper. That represents about $2,175 monthly at official exchange rate, or about $1,440 at the black market rate many Argentines consider as a more reliable measure of their money's value.

De la Sota described the strike as a police response to his decision to close 140 brothels that provide income to corrupt officers.

National Security Chief Sergio Berni said 2,000 border police are being deployed in Cordoba to help restore peace.

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Johns targeted in French anti-prostitution legislation

Protesters who support abolition of prostitution rally outside the French National Assembly in Paris Wednesday as parliament voted 268-138 to pass a bill that would decriminalize solicitation and impose on clients fines of 1,500 euros (about $2,175). The bill now goes to the French senate. Prostitution is currently legal in France, but soliciting and pimping are prohibited. FRANCOIS MORI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Radioactive material

Deadly cobalt-60 found abandoned near stolen truck

A missing shipment of radioactive cobalt-60 was found Wednesday near where the stolen truck transporting the material was abandoned in central Mexico state, the country's nuclear safety director said.

The highly radioactive material was found in an empty lot about a kilometre from Hueypoxtla, an agricultural town of about 4,000 people, but it poses no threat or a need for an evacuation, said Juan Eibenschutz.

The cargo truck hauling cobalt-60 that had been used in medical equipment was stolen from a gas station early Tuesday, and authorities had put out an alert in six central states and the capital looking for it.

Eibenschutz said direct exposure to cobalt-60 could result in death within a few minutes.

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No good deed goes un-Instagrammed

Employees at two Ann Arbor, Mich., bars have seen some unusually big tips this year.

The Ann Arbor News reports that in September a $3,000 US tip was left for a $87.98 bill and $7,000 for a $200 bill.

The tips are among a number reported around the country in recent months. They're chronicled on the photo-sharing application Instagram using the "tipsforjesus" name. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Germany

Two arrested in Bitcoin scheme

German police say they have arrested two people and seized illegally generated bitcoins worth more than 700,000 euros ($950,000 US) in an investigation of computer fraud.

Police say the perpetrators used the processing power of the hacked computers to generate bitcoins, a cryptography-based digital currency. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Companies are starting to take note of consumer concerns over potentially harmful ingredients in a range of beauty products. JENNIFER POLIXENNI BRANKIN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Beauty industry doing an about-face

Power of the people. Companies are starting to remove possibly harmful ingredients from products after pressure from customers

An environmental group says cosmetics companies are starting to listen to consumer worries over potentially harmful ingredients in their products.

Toronto-based Environmental Defence says public pressure is beginning to exert influence on the ingredients companies use in everything from shampoo and moisturizers to toothpaste and deodorant.

"The good news is that some companies are listening to the growing concerns from their customers about the risks of these chemicals," Maggie MacDonald of Environmental Defence said in a release.

"Others need to take the old saying to heart — the customer is always right — and act to remove harmful chemicals."

Procter and Gamble announced in September that it would eliminate triclosan, a commonly used anti-bacterial agent, and phthalates from its personal-care products in 2014.

Johnson and Johnson committed in 2012 to remove triclosan, phthalates, formaldehydes and parabens from its adult toiletries and cosmetics.

Walmart, meanwhile, announced this fall that it would be working toward reducing chemicals starting in January, and promises a public report in two years on how it has fared. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Concerns

- **Triclosan, an anti-bacterial agent,** was found by a Health Canada study to be harmful to the environment, but safe for humans. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is currently reviewing the safety of triclosan. Concerns have been raised that triclosan may be triggering hormonal changes, or causing anti-microbial resistance.
- **Phthalates, a family of chemicals commonly used as plasticizers,** raised worried after studies suggested that when ingested, phthalates could cause reproductive and developmental abnormalities in young children.

England. Care for a tent and a spot of tea after getting blotto at the pub?

With the festive season approaching, the scourge of drunk drivers returns. But one pub in Worcestershire, central England, has an innovative solution: Installing a campsite in the garden for those too intoxicated to drive home. The Drum and Monkey's Paul Miller took our questions.

The Drum and Monkey CONTRIBUTED

How did you come up with this?

We heard about a pub in the area that had apartments for customers to use if they needed. There was nothing like that here so we contacted a tent company and they were happy to sponsor the idea.

Did you have a problem with unruly drunks refusing to leave?

It's not about drunks, more for people who have had just too many drinks to drive, and it's just for December. The police have told us it's a fantastic idea.

What do your neighbours think?

I don't know, but it can't be a bad thing to have free camping facilities. We have not heard any concerns — this is a country pub and we don't have many kids making trouble.

What kind of luxury can I expect if I sleep there?

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I've always believed in Santa Claus, because the speed at which he delivers gifts is no faster than the speed at which I buy them.

I shop at a speed that renders me blurry to onlookers.

If there were commandos descending into a mall via zip lines and they saw me entering the store, the first words they would say when their boots touched the ground would be, "Hey, where'd he go?"

Christmas shopping is a necessary Eve-ill, but I treat the mall like it's radioactive and I've left my radiation suit at home. Think of Superman cleaning up his apartment after Lois unexpectedly rings the doorbell — scrubbing his Supershower and hiding his Superporn in a blue-red blur of anxiety.

If you find yourself spending untold minutes at the mall, here are a few pointers I follow to make sure my strategic incursion into the commercial side of the holidays isn't much longer than a holiday commercial.

1) The first step to make Christmas shopping fly by is to **have a plan**. If I write "Buy my brother a Blu-Ray he already owns" or "Break a nice ornament for Mom before I leave the parking lot," it makes it that much more efficient when it happens.

It also helps if you make a point of setting aside 4:45 to 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve, so that you're not panicking when shopping time arrives.

2) **Make room for yourself.** Depending on the mood at the mall, being jammed into a sea of zombie-like shoppers can be as terrifying as Night of the Living Dead or as tedious as The Walking Dead. And thanks to terrorism in recent decades, it's no longer appropriate to yell "Bomb!" in a crowded area.

Instead, start your day off with a hearty breakfast of garlic bulbs, baked beans and whole onions and watch those shoppers disperse like they're pepper and you're a bar of soap.

Not willing to wait in a long line? In New Brunswick, Saskatchewan or other rural areas, a seasonal cry of, "That store wrote 'Xmas' on their sign! Why do they hate the baby Jesus?" is usually enough for the line to leave in a mob (careful of the torches and pitchforks).

In Toronto, Vancouver or other metropolitan areas, try, "My word, is that a Discount Divorce, Yoga and Kale Salon?" Watch for latte splashback as they depart.

3) Don't forget that **the gifts you choose can help speed up the process.** For instance, if your kids aren't worth it, just buy batteries that will help power the toys bought by other relatives.

Or, if you believe in the true spirit of Christmas, why not take the money you would have spent on gifts and spend it on the world's many charities? What child wouldn't be touched to hear that you skipped out on the PlayStation so you could put $500 in the Salvation Army pot? What spouse could argue about vacations when you've spent all the Christmas savings on refugees?

Your whole family will be moved to tears, I guarantee.

This also might be another good time to put the Superman/Santa speed to good use.

You'll believe a man can fly.

ZOOM

Renovation turns things around

STUART C. WILSON/GETTY IMAGES

House is flipped topsy-turvy

A British artist has given the figure of speech 'to turn a place upside down' a literal side by making a building topsy-turvy. Alex Chinneck, from London, England, has created an upside-down façade to a derelict building in the centre of the city. The site where the artwork stands dates from 1780 and had been slated for demolition. METRO

Artist's bizarro world

"I enjoy tapping into people's love for the simple pleasures in life, like magic and illusion. There is more to life than survival — there is culture that is uplifting and pleasurable."

Alex Chinneck, artist

Chinneck's previous work was a brick façade in Margate, England, that "melted" off the side of a house. COURTESY STEPHEN O'FLAHERTY

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If you think Instagram is just a den of food snapshots and "narcissistic" selfies, you're doing it wrong. Here are some users to follow for a glimpse of the photo-sharing site's creative side.

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@rachelryle:
The recent introduction of video has allowed Rachel Ryle to bring her brand of stop-motion animation to Instagram. Be careful, Ryle's quirky, simple videos can be addictive.

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Dan Marker-Moore's account documents the dying days of the public payphone. The concept is simple, but the portraits are carefully composed and possessed of more pathos than you might expect.

@andrewknapp:
If you ever wished Waldo, of Where's Waldo fame, was a dog, then Andrew Knapp's account is for you. Knapp takes pictures of his border collie Momo hiding in the wilds of northern Ontario. How quickly can you spot him? (Hint: Look for the red bandana.)

Comments

RE: Woman Fights Ticket For Driving With Google Glass, published Dec. 3

'Suspicion' of speeding? And after the car was stopped? Are all police, dolts? Sounds to me more like the cop didn't actually have a reason to pull her over in the first place. Having a means of distraction nearby does not mean she was distracted.
jeff200 posted to metronews.ca

How about 'suspicion of being stupid'? Why are drivers going out of their way to find new ways of being distracted?
CCToronto posted to metronews.ca

How about ... the report is probably incorrect in stating 'suspicion of speeding'? She was likely caught for speeding; period. Police won't write a ticket for 'suspicion of speeding' lol! Preposterous.
Koree Em posted to metronews.ca

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Feeling a little horse? Trot on down to Cavalia's Odysseo

Coming events. If you're feeling blue, or wanting to throw up a West Side sign, there is no need to stay in your stable this winter

BACKSTAGE PASS
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Cavalia's Odysseo features 63 horses and 47 artists. It opens Saturday at the white top tent at Olympic Village. CONTRIBUTED

I've only been on one horse in my life and, to be completely honest, it freaked me out a bit.

In my defense, he was a very large, powerful and disgruntled beast, and was certainly not pleased that he was being forced to carry me on his back along a rather treacherous, snow-covered mountain trail.

To this day, I'm convinced he walked under those thick, low-hanging branches on purpose.

That being said, I never held it against the species as a whole — they're amazing creatures. It's just that I'd rather admire them from a safe distance.

Lucky for me (and maybe you) then that Cavalia's latest ode to horse and man, Odysseo, gallops into town this week.

The $30-million spectacle features 63 horses and 47 artists and is garnering plenty of rave reviews along the way.

Tickets range from $29.50 to $139.50 plus taxes and fees. There's also a Rendez-Vous package that includes the best seats in the house, a pre-show buffet dinner, an open bar, deserts during intermission and a post-show visit to the stables. That package costs $139.50-209.50 plus taxes and fees.

Odysseo opens Saturday night and runs until Jan. 5 under the white big top at Olympic Village.

For more information check out Cavalia.net.

West Side, yo

The Broadway Across Canada production of West Side Story comes to the Q.E. Theatre in Vancouver on Feb. 4 to 9. It's directed by David Saint, the associate director of the Broadway production. Tickets go on sale at Ticketmaster Monday, Dec. 9 (10 a.m.). More information at BroadwayAcrossCanada.ca.

Those winter blues...

OK, so technically the Blue Man Group is coming to Vancouver closer to spring (Mar. 25-30, 2014), but you can get your tickets as of Monday, Dec. 16 when they go on sale at Ticketmaster.

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News worth sharing.

New Girl creator shares her voice with Metro

Staying funny. Liz Meriwether has a lot to juggle in her job — but awards don't lie, she's doing great

ALEX KHATCHADOURIAN
Metro World News in New York

Even with three seasons, five Emmy nominations and millions of viewers tuning in to New Girl every Tuesday, show producer/writer Liz Meriwether says her job hasn't gotten any easier. In fact, if anything, it's only gotten more challenging.

Besides performing the difficult and never-ending dance of keeping hundreds of people happy — co-showrunners and writers, the studio, the network — Meriwether also works tirelessly to make sure the voice of New Girl remains her own.

Can you tell us about the episode where Coach and Cece go on a date? How did you decide to go in that direction with those characters?

Well, this is something that obviously causes a fair amount of stress for Schmidt. We thought it was sort of interesting to have this new character come in and not really understand the back story between her and Schmidt, just swoop in and take her out on a date. But, I'm not sure if the Cece-Coach relationship is going to go forward; it might have just been this one date. I think that Cece just wants to get back out there and go out on a date with a really hot guy. I think that's what's going on in her head. It was really fun to shoot them together — they have a really great chemistry. Plus they are both just gorgeous, you know, it's fun to just watch them onscreen.

How long will Damon Wayans Jr. be on the series?
Damon is with us for the rest of the year, which is really exciting. We are so happy to have him back. He just fits in perfectly.

So we know Damon is signed on till the end of the year, but more importantly, what about Ferguson [the cat]?
Well it's funny, because in the next episode there is this date between Cece and Ferguson and it goes really well. I'm kidding, I don't know; I don't have an ending for Ferguson right now. He is the cutest thing. We all kind of fell in love with him and we actually have to hold ourselves back from writing him into so many episodes because we don't want any Ferguson fatigue. I love Winston's relationship with him. There is sort of an important plot development where Winston realizes he needs to take a step back from Ferguson because their relationship maybe has gotten a little too intense.

Well the storyline says he goes missing.
Yeah, he goes missing and that kind of leaves Winston to blame and makes him take a step back from Ferguson. Nick thinks that Winston has taken himself out of the game with women because he's gotten too into the cat. Nick just wants to help him.

You guys are going to have a Super Bowl episode. Have you thought about any storylines yet?
I'm definitely a little nervous about it because it's such as big audience, but in a good way. The story is going to be mostly about Ferguson. [laughs] Just kidding. We really want to create an episode that was group-centered and where everyone can be together. The group gets invited to a big fancy party and it's sort of all of them at this party together … and I sort of can't say more than that.

Quoted

"We all kind of fell in love with him and we actually have to hold ourselves back from writing him into so many episodes

Liz Meriwether on Ferguson the cat in New Girl

The cast of the New Girl is always up for laughs. CONTRIBUTED

Actor to writer

Liz Meriwether is a great writer, but did she ever dream of being an actor?

- "In college I did a lot of acting, and started writing in the midst of that, just because I saw writing as an extension of acting and creating stories for characters. I think my experience really informs how I write. I try to think about the actors and what their strengths are and then write to those strengths. I think our show is really funny and I think there are a lot of jokes that are dependent on the performance."

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Affleck Out of the Furnace and back into the limelight

Acting break. Gone Baby Gone star took time out to make I'm Still Here with Joaquin Phoenix and has no regrets

Casey Affleck in a scene from Out of the Furnace. AP PHOTO/RELATIVITY MEDIA

This year marked Casey Affleck's return to the big screen after the Oscar-nominated star took a break from acting for a while. In recent months, his Sundance Film Festival hit Ain't Them Bodies Saints had a slow rollout in select theatres internationally, and this Friday he can be seen in North American cinemas as a struggling Iraq war vet in Out of the Furnace.

The projects come three years after Affleck released his directorial effort, the controversial mockumentary I'm Still Here, in which a dishevelled Joaquin Phoenix pretended he was quitting his Oscar-nominated acting career to become a hip-hop artist.

The film was maligned for duping audiences into thinking it was real, and Affleck admits "it was risky in its style" and also a risk for his own acting career as it "sucked up a good deal" of his time and kept him from doing onscreen projects.

"You take a break in Hollywood, you don't act in something for a couple of years, people just forget about you.

That's a lifetime in Hollywood almost, so it's hard to bounce back from that," said the 38-year-old, who got an Oscar nomination for his supporting role in 2007's The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford. That's not to say he regrets making I'm Still Here.

"I mean, regret seems pointless," Affleck said in a recent telephone interview. "It's not a useful emotion really, although it's always there sort of lingering around. If you're willing to go sit on the stoop with regret, it'll hang out with you, but it's a waste of time.

"So it didn't perform that well, but neither did Jesse James, and I love that movie. So often movies don't perform well," he added. "Life goes on, you know. I feel pretty blessed to just be doing this.

"And look at me now, you know, I get to work with Christian Bale, Scott Cooper and Forest Whitaker and Woody Harrelson and on and on and on. What could be better?."

Affleck was referring to the all-star team behind the gritty drama Out of the Furnace, which is directed by Cooper, who helmed and co-wrote the 2009 Oscar-winning film Crazy Heart. Cooper also co-wrote the "Out of the Furnace" script with Brad Ingelsby. Producers include Leonardo DiCaprio and Ridley Scott.

Bale stars as Russell Baze, a hard-working steel mill employee in poverty-stricken Braddock, Penn., during the 2008 economic downturn.

Affleck deftly plays his troubled younger brother, Rodney, an Iraq war vet who can't find work when he returns home from duty. Indebted to shady characters, he turns to gambling and underground fighting to make a quick buck, forcing his brother to look out for his wellbeing.

Harrelson brings chills as Harlan DeGroat, vicious leader of a backwoods crime ring in the New Jersey Ramapo Mountains. Whitaker plays a cop. Other cast members include Willem Dafoe as a bookie, Zoe Saldana as Russell's girlfriend and Sam Shepard as the brothers' uncle.

Affleck said he did research into post-traumatic stress disorder, which afflicts his character. He also watched documentaries and spoke with war vets.

He also trained to get in the right physical shape for his fighting matches. Affleck will be seen onscreen again in the new year, when Christopher Nolan's star-packed sci-fi drama Interstellar hits theatres. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Walker was finding his step as a father

Final interview. While promoting new film Hours, actor talked candidly about his own experiences with fatherhood

In his last film, Hours, Paul Walker plays an expectant father. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Before his death, Fast & Furious star Paul Walker was drawing parallels between his real-life role as dad to 15-year-old daughter Meadow and his part as an unexpected father to a newborn baby in the upcoming Hurricane Katrina drama Hours.

"I think it definitely helps to have a daughter, but I think if you're a human being and you have love in your heart, you're going to find connective fibers in this," Walker said in a Nov. 14 interview to promote the film. "There's definitely a purity and a truth to it."

Hours stars Walker and Genesis Rodriguez as a couple who rush to a New Orleans hospital after Rodriguez's character goes into early labour. When the hurricane hits the city, Walker's character finds himself stranded in an evacuated hospital with his ailing newborn daughter.

"My baby wasn't planned," Walker said. "I wasn't married, out of wedlock, the whole bit. (I was) finding my step with it. I'm still finding my step. I think you always are. I'm five times the father that I was five years ago. Your head's more in it. Your heart's more in it. You can't force it. You want to be better at it, just something hasn't clicked yet."

Walker starred in all but one of the six Fast & Furious blockbusters. He had been on break from shooting the latest installment at the time of his death on Saturday; Universal Pictures has shut down production of Fast & Furious 7 indefinitely.

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Autopsy report

Fast & Furious star Paul Walker was killed by impact and fire in a crash that occurred while he was a passenger in a Porsche driven by his friend, according to an autopsy released Wednesday. Results of toxicology testing will take another six to eight weeks.

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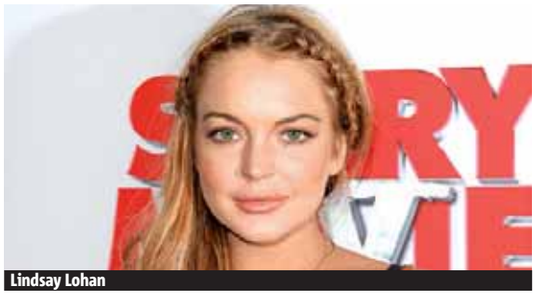

Lindsay Lohan

Lindsay content for now to play with her boy toys

Lindsay Lohan reportedly turned heads at a New York nightclub recently when she cozied up to Michael Neeson, the 18-year-old son of actor Liam Neeson, according to Page Six. "Lindsay was seen leading him into the women's bathroom, hand in-hand," a source says. "Lindsay seems to have a thing for younger men at the moment." Lohan has also been linked in recent months to 19-year-old model Liam Dean, who apparently got to witness the whole thing. "The odd thing was that Dean was with them all night, even though Lindsay had been seeing him, too." Neeson's publicist denied the story.

The Word

Beyoncé and Jay-Z plant their feet for diet challenge

Jay-Z and Beyoncé are officially going vegan until Christmas, the rapper announced on his Life and Times blog. "Psychologists have said it takes 21 days to make or break a habit. On the 22nd day, you've found the way," he wrote. "One day before my 44th birthday, I will embark on a 22 Days challenge to go completely vegan, or as I prefer to call it, plant-based." He also confirmed that Beyoncé "is also joining me" on his "spiritual and physical cleanse" of sorts. "I don't know what happens after Christmas," he admitted. "A semi-vegan, a full plant-based diet? Or just a spiritual and physical challenge? We'll see."

Chris Hemsworth

There's a reason that Thor kiss was so passionate

If the lip-lock between Chris Hemsworth and Natalie Portman at the very end of Thor: The Dark World seems awfully intense, that's because it wasn't actually Portman. The Oscar-winning actress tells the New York Daily News that Hemsworth's wife, Elsa Pataky, donned a wig and filled in for Portman for the scene. "It was for re-shoots, and he was working in Hong Kong and I couldn't get there because I was working on my own film," Portman explains. "And so they put his wife in my wig and costume. That's why it was so passionate."

Tom Daley ALL IMAGES GETTY

Daley's boyfriend isn't just anyone, you know

British Olympic diver Tom Daley announced this week that he has been dating a man for most of this year, but it turns out it isn't just any man. Daley is reportedly dating Oscar-winning screenwriter Dustin Lance Black, according to E! News. The pair was spotted grabbing coffee together in L.A. in October. Black, who won his Academy Award for his script for Milk, is set to direct his next film, The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight, next spring in London, coincidentally.

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Entrepreneur and a gentleman

Paul Smith speaks. The avuncular 67-year-old combines the eager to please affability of a local shopkeeper with the corporate know-how of a global empire proprietor

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News

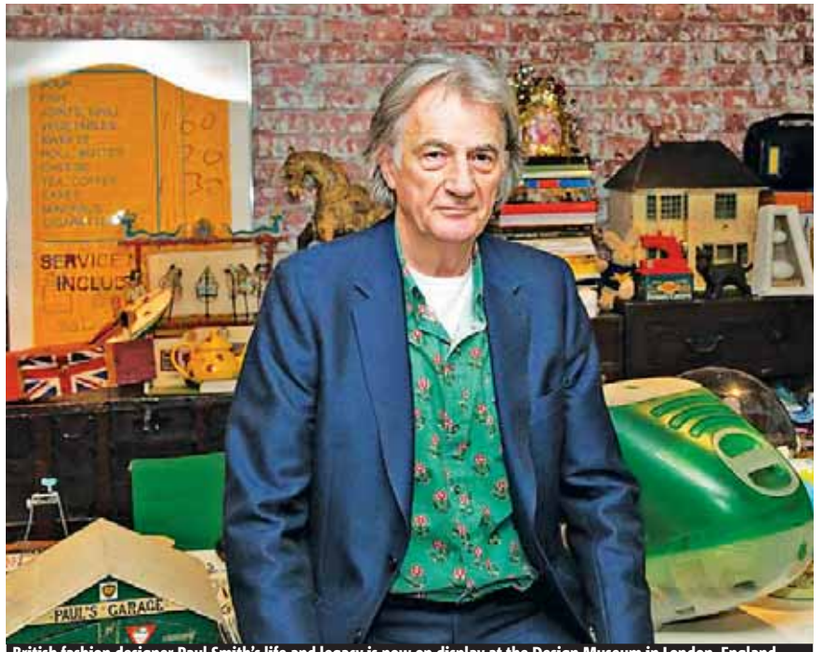
Paul Smith is flitting between an official photographer and a gaggle of student iPhone snaparazzi at a new exhibition, Hello, My Name Is Paul Smith, at the Design Museum in London.

Sir Paul — a title he almost declined — excels at being a man of the people (politicians, take heed). While I'm waiting for my interview, groupies swarm to a gracious welcome — gosh, even toddlers get a hug.

The designer eschews the pretension of high fashion for humanism, a style that's clear in the exhibition's homely curation: fine art pieces flank knick-knacks from fans. Just don't call it a retrospective: "I've got enough stuff for four or five separate exhibitions," he admits.

When was the last time you wore something that wasn't designed by you?
[Laughs] 18. Although, if I'm on holiday and it's suddenly cold and I haven't got a sweater, I might buy a classic cashmere or something.

Do you feel guilty wearing other designers?



British fashion designer Paul Smith's life and legacy is now on display at the Design Museum in London, England.
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Closet caper

"I just like my stuff. I steal it from downstairs; I nick it from the shops."
Paul Smith

No, I just like my stuff. I steal it from downstairs; I nick it from the shops.

They're trying to find the samples...
... And I'm the one who has got them all.

You mentioned before that there is a level of pretentiousness and rudeness within the industry. You'd expect young people to put in the hard graft and work their way up. How do you feel about unpaid internships?
We've never encouraged unpaid internships. We get three, four, five requests a week for work placements. The best we can do these days is say, "Why don't you come for an afternoon or day?"

So you don't let people do weeks at a time?
No, no.

How do you feel about other designers doing that kind of thing?
Well, I think there is a history of it that goes back 20 or 30 years. When people are starting out, it's supposed to be an honour to work but I'm not really sure about that.

Did you ever want to be famous?
No. In this environment here, you expect people to know who you are, but when I walk down the street luckily I'm not a famous face, so thank goodness for that.

I noticed when I walked into the exhibition that your first shop was tiny. It's like a changing room.
I know. It was meant to be a shop! There was a curtain at the top of some stairs to a tiny changing room. The point of that exhibit is to show that you can start in a way that is considered very humble and then you can grow...

You're not keen on email and computers in general. Do you think that being immersed in technology kills the creative side?
Personally, I'm not into it but I understand it. If you walk outside my room in Covent Garden there are four young ladies that help me: the PA and secretaries get about 600 emails a day, so I'm very IT savvy, as is the whole company. Personally I find that the use of my own eyes, my photography, my notes, works for me – but each to their own. It's about balance.

You said before of the runway, "It's £500,000 on 14 minutes." Does it seem a bit ridiculous?
Absolutely. Unfortunately, it's very much part of the process. A lot of the younger designers — and this is another reason for making this exhibition so down to earth — think that's what it's about: a fashion show and about twenty shops or whatever. Actually, it's only a tiny part of the process. Even if you have the best fashion show in the world but you don't make the clothes beautifully at the correct price and deliver on time and get paid, then it's all a bit of a waste of time.

Would you prefer to do a small salon show?
I would love to do a small salon show again. I used to: my first showroom was in a bedroom and my first show was in my friend's apartment in Paris.

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Show appreciation to designated drivers

By keeping a few basics in mind, hosts can help to ensure a safe and positive experience for everyone, including designated drivers. LLASZLO/SHUTTERSTOCK

For those who love to entertain, the holidays are a much anticipated opportunity to be the gracious host of a great party. Inviting friends and family to a festive night out is a form of giving and a way to show we care.

But the tone can turn sour if the host suddenly has to play "the heavy" when a guest has had too much to drink, especially if that guest is planning to drive.

What does a caring host to do? One solution is to fill your guest list with designated drivers.

As it is with many circumstances, prevention is the best remedy. Hosts who want to relax and worry less about consequences at their party can encourage guests ahead of time to volunteer as a designated driver.

By keeping a few basics in mind, hosts can help to ensure a safe and positive experience for everyone, including the designated drivers, as follows:

- Advance planning is key — ask guests to volunteer well before the party.
- Let everyone know you will serve alcohol-free drinks.
- Ask those who plan to drink to leave their vehicles at home.
- Remind volunteers that a designated driver abstains from alcohol.
- Keep the inconvenience to designated drivers to a minimum by matching them with passengers who live close to their home. Tell them you will ask someone else to take a turn driving next time.
- Personally thank designated drivers for helping to keep our roads safe.

Taking the time to show appreciation to those who volunteer is especially important. A recent research report by Ipsos Reid, commissioned by Budweiser (called Designated Driving: A New Generation Comes Of Age) underscores the fact that recognition of designated drivers is key to encouraging more people to take on the role. Among those surveyed — adults of legal drinking age to 34 years old — the majority agreed that designated drivers don't get enough credit, and 85 per cent agreed that if designated drivers received more credit for what they do, more people would volunteer to be one.

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Pining for the scent of a holiday tree

Nothing smells better than when a fresh-cut tree arrives in the house for the holiday season. Sadly, the scent quickly disappears, but there are a variety of ways to re-create it. If you're using an artificial tree this year, you'll want to pick up one (or two) home fragrance options. By layering a few of these, you'll transport yourself into a winter forest. I've sniffed and tested many of the options, and here are the winners.

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Get the most out of home fragrances

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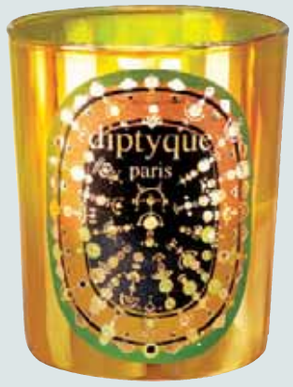
- Layer the scent of fresh-cut trees by using a variety of brands and applications. That will create a realistic fragrance throughout the house.
- Dab fragrance oils in discreet places, such as on felt tree ornaments, inside a bathroom tissue roll or on cotton swabs stored in closets.
- Place a diffuser near an air-intake vent so as to distribute the scent throughout the house.

Best fragrance oil

Oils can be dabbed anywhere around the house for a subtle scent. Crabtree & Evelyn Home Fragrance Oil, Windsor Forest scent, $9, crabtree-evelyn.ca.

Best candle



The royal family of scented candles, infused with rich oils. Diptyque candle in glass, Pine Bark scent, $75, Holt Renfrew.

Best wax melts

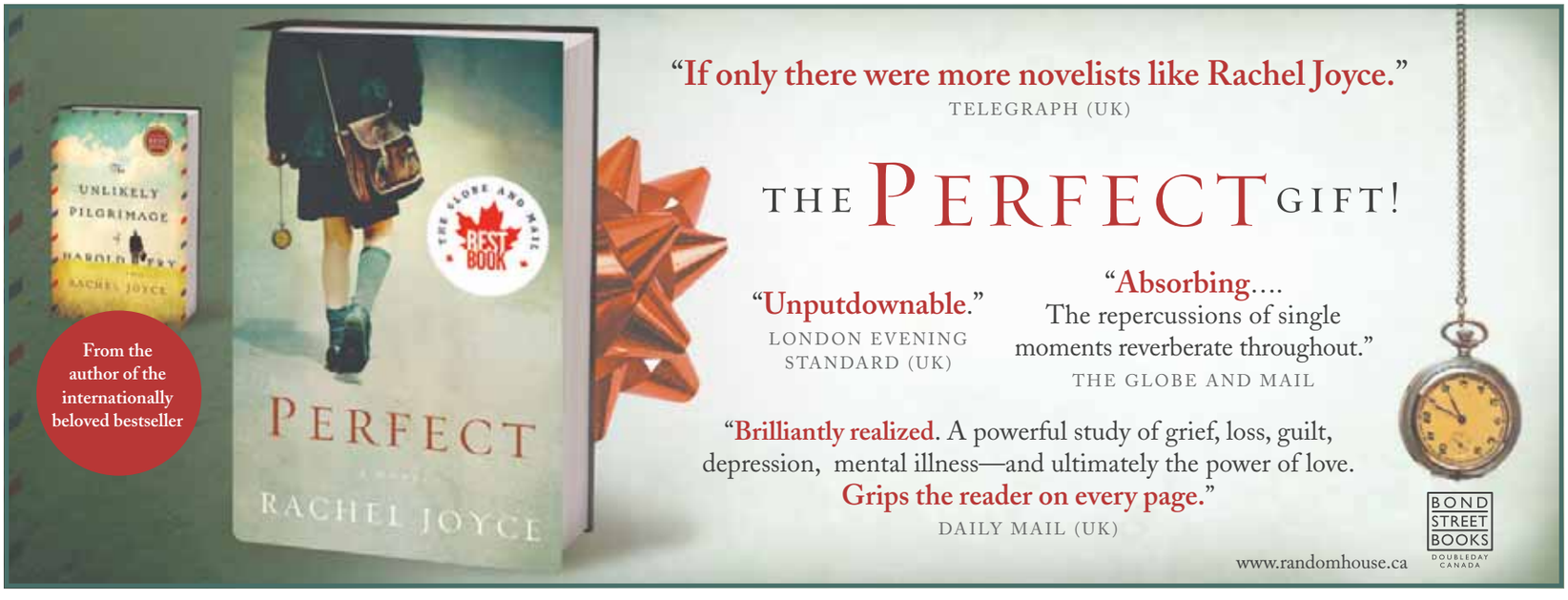
Safer than a candle but with all of the warm-wax smell. Glade Wax Melts Warmer; $12, Sparkling Spruce scented Wax Melts, $3, glade.com.

Best air spray

Keep a can near the front door and spritz just before guests arrive. Thymes Home Fragrance Mist, Frasier Fir scent, $18, thymes.com.

Best reeded diffuser

Place diffusers in open areas like foyers or the corner of the living room. Fruits & Passion Decorative Diffuser Set, Boreal Fir scent, $28.50, fruits-passion.ca.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Etiquette

The cardinal rules of re-gifting

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To re-gift, or not to re-gift? We all know that there's been a long-standing debate on the topic — and that at best, it leaves everyone agreeing to disagree. So let's put an end to the debate once and for all.

I'm here to tell you that, yes, re-gifting is acceptable. You read that correctly: Charles the Butler says it's alright to re-gift. Having said that, there's a rule or two involved that we need to understand, so let's go over them.

• Re-gifting is only acceptable if you have never used the item. This means that, if it is a puzzle, you cannot have tried putting it together; if it is a sweater, you cannot have worn it a few times; if it's a DVD, you cannot have watched it; if it's a computer game, you cannot have tried it out for a couple of weeks. The item must be completely unused and in its original package.

• You must give the item to a person who you think will really like it. Giving something you don't want just to get it out of your house means it's is not a sincere gift. You must believe in your heart that the person will honestly enjoy receiving the item in question as a present.

When you give the gift, ensure you make an effort to wrap it properly, and don't announce to the room that it's a re-gift, because that will surely make the other person uncomfortable. Finally, if you're uncomfortable re-gifting despite all of the above, then don't — donate the item in its original packaging to a charity or worthy cause. Someone will be happy to find it.

No really — you shouldn't have. While re-gifting is an acceptable practice, says Charles, there are a few rules you need to observe. Otherwise, things can go awry. ISTOCK

Crab and Ricotta Mousse: 'Tis the season for creative appetizer ideas

Looking for a classy appetizer idea to whet your guests' palates? Try this Crab and Ricotta Mousse, which is equally delicious with shrimp instead of crab. The mousse can also be moulded in a terrine and served sliced.

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) lime juice
- 1 envelope unflavoured gelatin
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) boiling water
- 2 stalks of celery, coarsely chopped
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) fresh parsley leaves
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 green onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 tsp (5 ml) lime zest
- 8 oz (225 g) crabmeat, drained, divided
- 1/4–1/2 tsp (1–2 ml) smoked paprika, mild or spicy
- 10 oz (300 g) Quality Cheese Ricotta
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) panko bread crumbs
- Cilantro

1. Pour lime juice into a small bowl and sprinkle with gelatin. Let stand 5 minutes to soften, then add 2 tbsp (30 ml) boiling water to dissolve gelatin.

2. Place celery, parsley, cilantro, green onion and lime zest in a food processor. Process until finely chopped.

3. Add half the crabmeat, the paprika and Ricotta. Process until well combined, add gelatin and season with salt and pepper.

4. To mould the mousse, use a muffin pan or individual moulds (ramekins). Line inside of moulds with plastic wrap or parchment paper to make unmoulding easier.

This recipe serves eight to 10 people. DAIRY FARMERS OF CANADA

5. Pour mousse into moulds. Cover loosely and refrigerate until set, about 2 hours.

6. To unmould muffin pan, invert over a baking sheet, remove plastic wrap and place on plates. To unmould ramekins, invert each over plates and remove plastic wrap.

7. Garnish with remaining crab, panko bread crumbs and cilantro. **DAIRY FARMERS OF CANADA (ALLYOUNEEDISCHEESE.CA/GRANDPRIX)**

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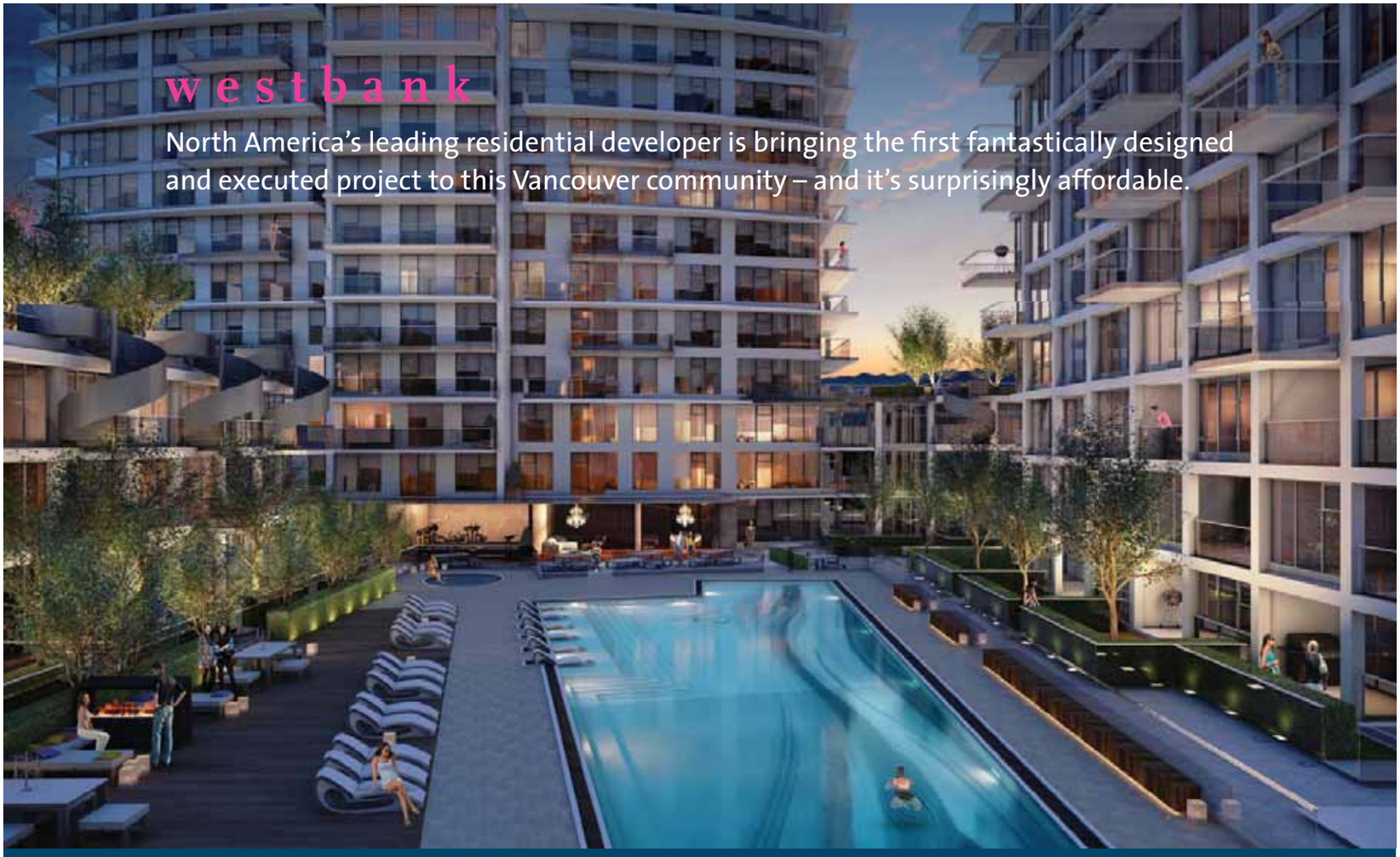

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Kesler's scoring spree a boon for Canucks

NHL. Vancouver's fiery forward has four goals in last two games

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Ryan Kesler came to training camp completely healthy; but could he revert to his Selke Trophy-winning form of 2010-11?

Just a sample of the storylines surrounding the Vancouver Canucks' fiery forward not long ago considered one of the premier two-way players in the game, before injuries — hip, shoulder, wrist, foot — and surgeries disrupted each of his previous two seasons following the 2011 Stanley Cup Final.

On Tuesday, Kesler was the dominant force behind the Canucks' 3-1 victory over the Nashville Predators.

He scored twice in the third period, and was in dogged pursuit of the puck throughout the evening — a physical menace against a Nashville defence minus tower of strength Shea Weber and Kevin Klein.

In the second round of the 2011 Stanley Cup playoffs, against the Predators, Kesler willed his team to the Western Conference final with five goals and 11 points in that six-game series.

That followed another productive regular season in which he scored 41 goals and 73 points to earn the Selke.

However, the injuries have since piled up, and mostly because of that it was speculated the now 29-year-old Kesler might never reach that same level.

Ryan Kesler has scored two goals in each of the Canucks' last two games. He scored the game-winner in both of those contests. MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Edler nursing lower-body injury

Canucks defenceman Alex Edler is day-to-day with a lower-body injury, head coach John Tortorella told reporters in Nashville.

- Television replays showed Edler struggling with his skating stride after bumping into a Predators player in the first period. He did not return to the ice for the second period.
- In 27 games for the Canucks this season, he's emerged as the team leader in ice time, with 23:26 of ice time per game.

The Canucks are 30 games into this season.

Kesler leads the team in goals with 14. Four of those have come in the last two games.

He also leads all Vancouver forwards in ice time, at just over 22 minutes per game.

A quick calculation shows Kesler is now on pace for 38 goals, which would fall just shy of his career best from 2010-11. That's a projection, which can change instantly.

But perhaps his latest body of work is an encouraging sign of things to come for No. 17.

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Giants chop through the Ice

The Vancouver Giants extended their point streak to 11 games on Wednesday, thanks to a 3-2 victory over the visiting Kootenay Ice at the Pacific Coliseum.

Jackson Houck scored the winning goal on the power play with 4:41 remaining in the third period.

The Giants will now make the ferry ride west to Victoria for a pair of games against the Royals, on Friday and Saturday.

CAM TUCKER/METRO

CFL

Lions share of all-star recognition

A trio of B.C. Lions received Canadian Football League all-star recognition for the 2013 season.

Linebacker Adam Bighill, defensive back Ryan Phillips and offensive lineman Jovan Olafioye were named to the league's all-star roster on Wednesday.

Bighill, in his third season with the Lions, was the team's nomination for the Most Outstanding Player and Most Outstanding Defensive Player awards following another standout season.

Bighill had nine sacks, one interception and three fumble recoveries, including one for a touchdown.

Phillips had two interceptions this season.

Olafioye concluded his fourth season with the Lions. Wednesday marked the third consecutive year in which he was named a CFL all-star. METRO

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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
A friend you have not seen for a while will come back into your life today, tomorrow or over the weekend. This time, when you say farewell, promise to stay in touch — and mean it.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
What you focus your attention on today will seem more important than it is, so make sure you focus on positive things. Your mind is a powerful tool and can create happiness as easily as it creates sadness.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Partners and loved ones will be full of themselves today and you may find it hard to get a word in edgeways. Give the impression you are listening, even if your mind is far away.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You have much to do over the next 24 hours, so start early and don't expect to get home until late. When your head hits the pillow, put all the worries of the day behind you. Tomorrow will be as trying. Get some rest.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Mercury, planet of communication and the mind, joins the Sun in the most creative area of your chart today. What does that mean? You must let the world know your achievements — of which there are plenty.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
What happens today, tomorrow and over the weekend may look chaotic but if you cross your eyes slightly, you will see there is a pattern. Never doubt that your life is moving in the right direction.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The more you are on the move the today, the more likely it is you'll meet people who bring a smile to your face. What could be more important than that?

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will, as usual, get your way today and you will, as usual, win whatever battle of words and wits you are involved in. But, just because you win does not mean you are right.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If you are not doing so already, you should be making big plans. Cosmic activity in your birth sign indicates that the more things you start the more you will accomplish and the more fun you will have.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It may seem as if you are being held back by circumstances beyond your control but is that true? The planets indicate it's likely that you're putting mental obstacles in your path that have no reason being there.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Friendships and social activities are under excellent stars but why wait for other people to make things happen? Get out and make them happen yourself. A sense of adventure will take you a long way.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Someone in a position of authority will praise you for a job well done and your confidence will go through the roof. But don't get sloppy. The reason you did such a good job was because you planned and worked hard. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
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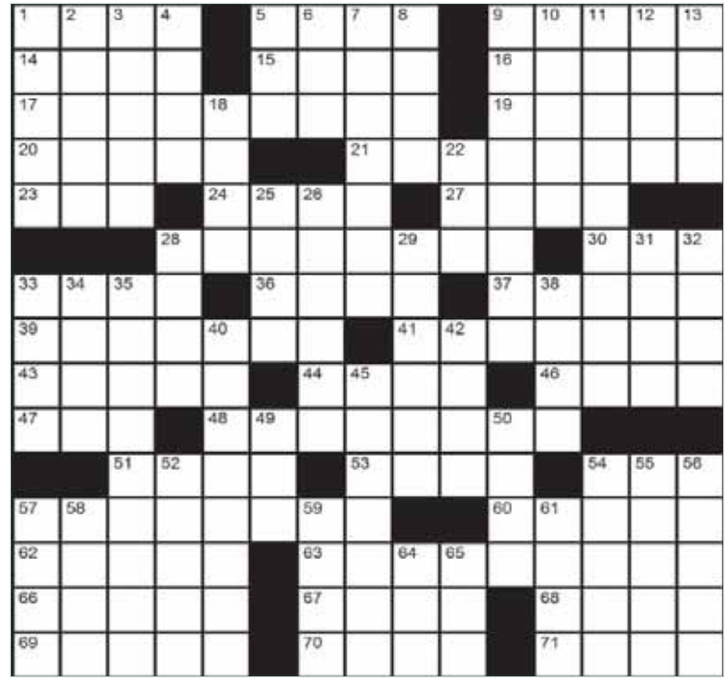
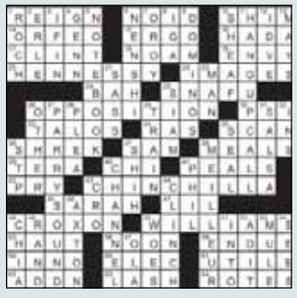


Across
1. Supreme god of Greek myth
5. Actress Cameron
9. Snail's trail
14. Once
15. "Why, __ __ honoured!"
16. Hermit
17. "Canada AM" viewing time
19. Hockey game instrument
20. Harsh
21. City on Lake Ontario between Hamilton and Toronto
23. Dadaist Jean
24. Top notcher
27. Simplicity
28. Winter shoveller's side-of-driveway creation
30. Obi-__ Kenobi
33. Diminutive data
36. CD part, variantly
37. Q. "__ '__' a U2 song?" A. "Yes."
39. Regina-born actor Leslie
41. It's helpful in making a comparison
43. Military trainee
44. 19th-century Danish composer, Niels __
46. Prefix meaning 'Thought'
47. 'Verb' suffix (Wordy)
48. Not a good fit
51. Uncommon, in Latin
53. Writer Roald
54. Directions provider
57. China's biggest city
60. Depart
62. "Rolie __ Olie"
63. Toronto transport
66. For __ __ see (Open for the public)
67. Promissory notes
68. Stylish
69. Ancient civilization of Central America
70. Family __
71. Sacred

Down
1. Z as in __
2. Mistake
3. Consume completely: 2 wds.
4. Pre-wedding event
5. "Who cares?" = "What's the __?"
6. Ms. Lupino
7. Does sponge work
8. Catherine __-Jones
9. European country where Bratislava is the capital
10. Loughlin and Singer
11. Artsy area of Calgary
12. Lunch, for example
13. Coastal bird [var. sp.]
18. Genghis __ (Mongol emperor)
22. Mattel guy
25. Encrypt
26. "Dallas" family, The __
28. Exclusive
29. Evangeline's home
31. Ms. Jolie, to pals
32. Single-named singer with a hyphen in his name
33. Sudbury landmark, __ Superstack
34. Ms. Vardalos, and others
35. __-funded agency
38. Dropped in standings
40. Primitive fish
42. Belgium neighbour, for short
45. Michael Ferguson, __ General of Canada
49. "Uh-uh."
50. She, in Sherbrooke
52. "West Side Story" (1961) character
54. Manly
55. Help
56. "When a Man Loves a Woman" by __ Sledge
57. Meat-in-a-can
58. Greeting in Granada!
59. "Be that __ __ may..."
61. Engrave
64. Ms. McClanahan
65. 'Legal' suffix (Lawyer-speak)

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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3	8						6	4
		9	3		1	5		
	7			4			3	
		2	5		8	9		
8	6						1	3
	9	3	8		2	7	5	

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	4	8	6	1	7	9	2	5
5	6	1	4	9	2	7	3	8
7	9	2	3	8	5	6	1	4
8	3	5	7	6	9	2	4	1
6	2	4	8	5	1	3	9	7
9	1	7	2	4	3	8	5	6
2	7	6	1	3	4	5	8	9
4	5	3	9	7	8	1	6	2
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